

The important thing is and I think the argument that has always been used primarily for this program is adequate medical care. And under all three categories where the reduction in the monthly payment could occur, full medical service would be provided for the potential mother; for the father if it was an unemployed parent, ADC program; and for all children if any under either program. So from a medical point of view, why there was full and adequate coverage for the program as far as medical services would be provided. So the purpose then is to...I would move adoption of the amendment, the committee amendment to LB 31 and urge that this be adopted so the bill could be processed and then a potential cut reduction in the appropriation bill could be made. I do want to also say that the amendment to the appropriation bill is drafted in such a way that should, after this amendment is adopted, should the bill not pass that then the \$600,000 would be...continue to be appropriated. As the appropriation bill is drafted, it would only effect a reduction in the general fund upon the passage of LB 31. So I would urge the body to adopt the amendment. The same amendment, as I have indicated, has been filed on LB 201, but the committee felt it would be appropriate to have the two issues in separate pieces of legislation rather than in one.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Warner, we have an amendment to the amendment. Would you like to take that up at this time? Or we should take that up at this time, I believe.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Vard Johnson would move to amend the committee amendments. (Johnson amendment appears on page 2375 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, this is a tricky amendment to hear, but let me tell you exactly what is happening. The Appropriations Committee has recommended that we take a particular ADC program and make a change to it, thereby saving \$600,000. I am in agreement with the change provided, however, that we at the same time ensure the funding for the maternal infant health care program or the high risk pregnancy program which currently is on Final Reading. And I had suggested to the Appropriations...to Senator Warner that, in fact, if the ADC funding change was to be, it ought to be made through the